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FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE

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SUBJ: MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER UPADIT PACHARIYANKUN  
AT 3:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 8 WITH DCM BURKE. CALL WAS ESSENTIALLY  
COURTESY IN NATURE, BUT AMBASSADOR USED OCCASION TO TOUCH ON  
SEVERAL POINTS OF PENDING BUSINESS.

2. AID BILATERAL AGREEMENT

AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND RTG  
OF THE NEW AID BILATERAL HAD BEEN PROCEEDING FOR SEVERAL  
MONTHS AND THAT TEXT WAS NOW WITHIN A "FEW WORDS" OF FINAL  
AGREEMENT.

3. AMENDMENT OF EXTRADITION TREATY TO COVER NARCOTICS  
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AMBASSADOR REMINDED UPADIT THAT THERE WAS AN OUTSTANDING

REQUEST FROM THE U.S. SIDE THAT THE EXTRADITION TREATY BE REVISED TO COVER NARCOTICS OFFENDERS. HE REVIEWED THE VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS ON THE SUBJECT WHICH THE EMBASSY HAD GENERATED IN THE PAST NOTED THAT GIVEN THE RTG'S EMPHASIS ON NARCOTICS THE MINISTER MIGHT WISH TO HAVE THE NEGOTIATION GO FORWARD. UPADIT WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE SUBJECT, BUT ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY PREPARE A NEW NOTE ON THE SUBJECT RECAPITULATING THE EARLIER NOTES. HE REITERATED WHAT PRIME MINISTER THANIN HAD SAID TO THE AMBASSADOR DURING THEIR MEETING ON OCTOBER 27 VIZ., THE RTG ATTACHED THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT AND WOULD PROVIDE FULL COOPERATION IN ATTEMPTING TO STEM THIS TRAFFIC.

#### 4. FORMAL PRESENTATION OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS HELICOPTERS TO RTG

THE AMBASSADOR REMINDED THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT PRIME MINISTER THANIN HAD AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMAL PRESENTATION OF THE HELICOPTERS BEING DONATED TO THE THAI POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM. THE HELICOPTERS ARE NOW EXPECTED TO BE FULLY-ASSEMBLED AND PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 20. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR SHELDON VANCE (S/NM) WOULD BE VISITING THAILAND AT ABOUT THIS TIME AND SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY MIGHT COINCIDE WITH HIS VISIT IF THE PRIME MINISTER'S SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD REQUEST A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER DURING AMBASSADOR VANCE'S VISIT. UPADIT'S INITIAL REACTION WAS FAVORABLE AND HE PRIMISED TO DISCUSS A CEREMONY WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

#### 5. MODIFICATION OF THAI CRIMINAL CODE TO COVER NARCOTICS CONSPIRACY

THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED TO UPADIT THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE U.S. MISSION AND CERTAIN THAI OFFICIALS REGARDING A MODIFICATION OR REVISION OF THAI CRIMINAL STATUTES INVOLVING CONSPIRACY TO PERMIT THEIR BROADER APPLICATION TO NARCOTICS OFFENDERS. HE MENTIONED THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS MIGHT ALSO HAVE SOME USEFUL SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE ON THIS SUBJECT IF THE RTG WISHED TO PURSUE IT, AND HE URGED THAT THOUGHT BE GIVEN

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TO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF THIS LEGAL QUESTION.

#### 6. AIRPORT SECURITY

THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE RTG HAD NOT ACCEDED TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION (1970) OR THE MONTREAL CONVENTION (1971) ON AIRPORT SECURITY AND URGED THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT GIVE THEM PRIORITY CONSIDERATION. UPADIT TOOK NOTE OF THE TWO CONVENTIONS AND

PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE SUGGESTION.

#### 7. INVESTMENT CLIMATE

THE AMBASSADOR REFERRED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF CREATING A FAVORABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN THAILAND IF ECONOMIC PROGRESS IS TO BE MADE BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT. UPADIT AGREED ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN AN INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT SOME IMPORTANT SIGNAL WOULD GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING CREATE A FAVORABLE CLIMATE AND HE SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A GOVERNMENTAL DECISION ON A MAJOR PROJECT. HE NOTED THAT SEVERAL OF THE OIL COMPANIES HAD MADE WHAT APPEARED TO BE PROMISING DISCOVERIES OF GAS IN THE GULF OF SIAM AND WERE APPARENTLY AWAITING SOME FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE MOVING AHEAD WITH THEIR EXPLOITATION. THERE WAS ALSO NEW JERSEY ZINC WHICH HAD AN AMBITIOUS SMELTER PROJECT WELL ALONG IN THE PLANNING STAGE. (THOUGH APPARENTLY UNINFORMED AS TO DETAILS OF THESE PROJECTS, UPADIT SEEMED FIRMLY CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A FAVORABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND READY TO RECOMMEND GOVERNMENTAL ACTION DESIGNED TO FOSTER ITS CREATION.)

#### 8. AMMUNITION IN THAILAND (AIT)

UPADIT, HIMSELF, RAISED THIS SUBJECT, ASKING WHERE THE NEGOTIATION STOOD. THE AMBASSADOR REVIEWED THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS FOR HIM AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AN AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, AT THE NEXT MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS. THANKS TO HIS MEETINGS WITH DOD ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCAULIFFE AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ABRAMOWITZ BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON UPADIT SEEMED QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THE DYNAMICS OF THE U.S. POSITION AND THE NEED FOR ACHIEVING EARLY AGREEMENT.

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9. COMMENT. THROUGHOUT THE SESSION, UPADIT WAS EXTREMELY AFFABLE AND CORDIAL. AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW HE OBSERVED: "YOU SEE, THERE ARE REALLY NO PROBLEMS BETWEEN US." THE IMPLICATION OF THIS STATEMENT WAS THAT ALL OF THE OUTSTANDING BILATERAL PROBLEMS HAD DISAPPEARED WITH THE FORMER GOVERNMENT. WHITEHOUSE  
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